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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
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- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

Small entity-fee \$ 685.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

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STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY

THIS APPLICATION was unintentionally abandoned when the first Official Action was inadvertently not responded to even though several very satisfactory claims were specifically allowed. As nearly as can be determined, the circumstances of such abandonment arose when, upon receipt of an Official Action on April 22, 2003, the file was set aside to allow certain administrative tasks to be taken care of including formal reporting of the filing of the application (filing had been reported to the Applicant informally) and final invoicing of the application for preparing and filing the application, which tasks it was discovered had not been previously attended to because of a serious heart attack and open heart surgery of the prosecuting attorney subsequent to filing of the application. The file, after being set aside temporarily to draft said documents prior to reporting the Official Action to the client, was mislaid and for some unaccountable reason was not retrieved, possibly due to confusion on the docket with two trademark applications belonging to the same Applicant. Neither the housekeeping report nor a report of the Official Action was ever sent to the Applicant.

Upon receipt of a Notice of Abandonment on December 18, 2003 the file apparently could not be found and such notice was not matched with the file. Such notice, while originally docketed, remains missing. Finally the Applicant inquired concerning the status of his application and at this point the missing file was with some searching located and a complete response to the Official Action prepared as attached and filed along with this petition for revival and the Applicant informed. The complete delay in filing such response and this petition for revival has been completely unintentional.

Respectfully presented,

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